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SUBJ: SENATOR MORENO ON ITT AND OPIC

REF: SANTIAGO 1692

1. IN COURSE OF HARDHITTING ANTI- UP ADDRESS ON SENATE FLOOR APR 24, PDC' S RAFAEL MORENO INIMATED THAT FUSS OVER SO-CALLED ITT REVELATIONS GROWS OUT OF DISPUTE BETWEEN OPIC AND ITT OVER VALIDITY OF ITT INSURANCE CLAIM. HE FURTHER ALLEGED THAT IN UNITED STATES " BOTH OPIC AND ITT HAVE ENLISTED NEWS-PAPERMEN" TO ADVANCE THEIR CONFLICTING INTERESTS. FROM CONTEXT, SENATOR MORENO SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT ITT INDUCED WASH POST' S STERN TO WHIP UP PROVOCATIVE BACKGROUNDER ON 1964 FREI ELECTION FINANCING IN ORDER CAST ITS OWN ACTIONS IN A LESS REPROACHABLE LIGHT. MORENO ALSO ADDUCED STERN' S ALLEGED PRIOR CONTACTS WITH AMB LETELIER AS EVIDENCE ANTI- PDC COLLUSION.

2. ELSEWHERE MORENO AS MUCH AS CALLED PRES. ALLENDE A HYPOCRITE FOR SUGGESTING RECENTLY (SANTIAGO 1734) THAT CONGRESS TO BLAME FOR INACTION ON CHILTELCO EXPROPRIATION.
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HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS AT EXECUTIVE' S BEHEST THAT
" URGENCY" TAG HAD EARLIER BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM BILL
(SANTIAGO 1660).

3. COMMENT. MORENO' S HARD- PRESSED ARGUMENTS ARE
MEASURES OF PDC SENSITIVITY TO CHARGES OF HAVING " SOLD
OUT" TO US INTERESTS, AS UP SQUEEZES EVERY LAST DROP
FROM ITT HEARING OVERTONES AND STERN ALLEGATIONS. IT
IS FIRST TIME OPIC/ ITT ANGLE HAS BEEN PUBLICLY OFFERED
HERE IN EXPLANATION OF SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE' S AND US PRESS' S
ZEAL. IN SIMILAR VEIN, HOWEVER, EL MERCURIO EARLIER CHALKED
UP AFFAIR TO US " POLITICKING," PDC HAS IMPUGNED STERN' S
MOTIVES BEFORE, AND FREI RECENTLY CHARGED " INTERNATIONAL
ORCHESTRATION" (SANTIAGO 1764) TO RUIN HIM POLITICALLY.
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